

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Parker, et al.      **Docket:** 139215  
**Serial No.:** 10/743,592      **Art Unit:** 2609  
**Filed:** December 22, 2003      **Examiner:** Ben H. Liu  
**Title:** Wideband Cross-Connect System and Protection Method Utilizing SONET  
Add/Drop Multiplexers

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

It is respectfully requested that reconsideration be made of the final rejection mailed December 9, 2008 in view of the following remarks.

DO NOT ENTER: /B.L./

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